

# Ferry, Haines & Hier Co.

## Grand Rapids, Michigan

- 1901 Herbert T. Hier, instrument maker with York (city directory).
- 1902 Hier and George P. Haines are working for York (dir.).
- 1903 World Beater Band Instrument Co, George P. Haines, manager, 29 Canal St. Herbert T. Hier is working with him (city directory).
- 1903 “Perry, Haynes & Hier, band instrument manufacturers, who for the past seven or eight months have maintained a small factory on South Division St., Grand Rapids, have rented the quarters formerly occupied by Newell & Millard at #29 Canal St., and will start out soon with an increased force of men. Haynes and Hier are skilled workmen in the manufacture of cornets and other brass instruments and each will have charge of a certain department of the business. Mr. Haynes comes from Elkhart, Ind., where the largest factory of the kind in the world is located, and Mr. Hier has been employed at the York factory in this city.”  
(*Music Trade Review*, July) [Names left as written.]
- 1904 Ferry, Haines, & Hier Co, band instrument manufacturer, 29 Canal St. George H. Ferry (1852-1916), Herbert C. Hier, and George P. Haines (directory). [All three lived at 182 9<sup>th</sup> St, the home of Ferry. Ferry was a locomotive engineer and his wife Estella was a music teacher.]
- 1905 The company has ended. Hier goes back to work for York for one year and Haines turns to acting (dir.).

By the time of this Sanborn map in 1913, #29 Canal St had become #207 Monroe Ave NW and was owned by the Nelson-Matter Furniture Co. This has been replaced by a modern commercial building.

